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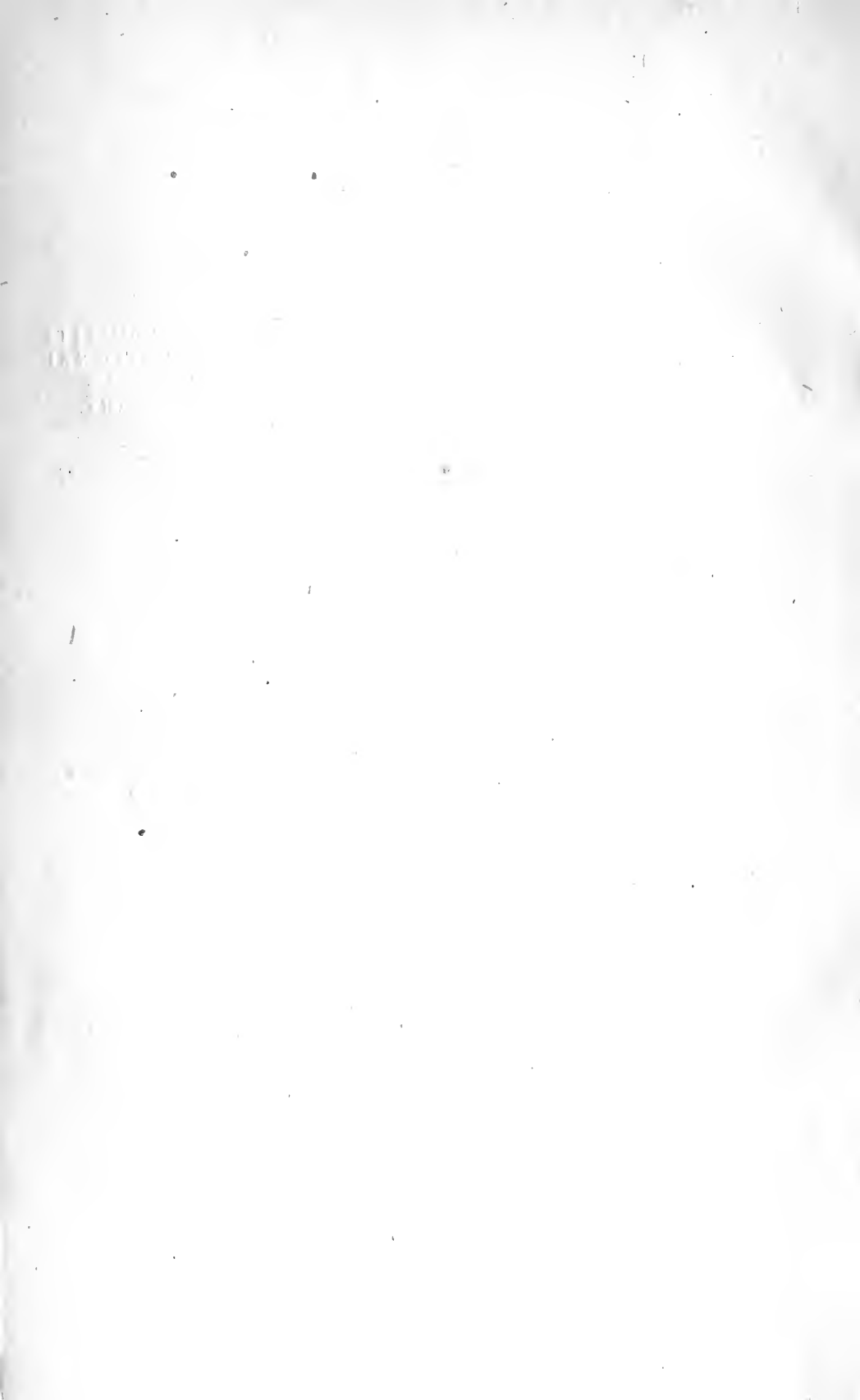
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The International Agricultural Institute owes its inception to the initiative of His Majesty the King of Italy, who early in 1905 invited the different Governments of the world to take part in a Conference, to be held at Rome in the May following, for the purpose of considering the constitution and organisation of the proposed Institute.

This Conference was attended by the representatives of some 40 different States, and in accordance with the agreement then reached the International Agricultural Institute was established as an official institution supported by the various Governments concerned, each of which is represented in the General Assembly of the Institute by delegates of its own selection. Up to the present time 49 different countries, including Great Britain and Ireland, India and most of the self-governing Dominions and Colonies of the British Empire have become affiliated to the Institute.

The Institute is housed in a beautiful building, which, by the munificence of His Majesty the King of Italy, has been erected at Rome in the grounds of the Villa Umberto I. This building contains large rooms for meetings in the central portion, while the wings contain the offices, library, and the rooms occupied by the foreign delegates.

The Objects of the Institute.

The Constitution of the Institute provides that, whilst limiting its action to international questions, it is to be the duty of the Institute :—

(a.) To collect, elaborate, and publish, with as little delay as possible, statistical, technical, or economic information regarding the cultivation of the soil, its production, whether animal or vegetable, the trade in agricultural products, and the prices obtained on the various markets.

(b.) To send to interested parties, in as rapid a manner as possible, full information of the nature above mentioned.

(c.) To indicate the wages of rural labour.

(d.) To notify all new diseases of plants which may appear in any part of the world, indicating the districts affected, the spread of the disease, and, if possible, efficacious means of resistance.

(e.) To consider questions relating to agricultural co-operation, insurance, and credit, in all their forms, collecting and publishing information which may be useful in the various countries for the organisation of undertakings relating to agricultural co-operation, insurance, and credit.

(f.) To present, if expedient, to the Governments, for their approval, measures for the protection of the common interests of agriculturists and for the improvement of their condition after having previously taken every means of obtaining the necessary information, *e.g.*, resolutions passed by International Congresses or other Congresses relating to agriculture or to sciences applied to agriculture, Agricultural Societies, Academies, Learned Societies, &c.

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Publications of the Institute.

The task of organising the Institute on a basis which would enable it to cope with the extensive programme thus laid down presented many difficulties. These difficulties were, however, successfully overcome, and during the past year the labours of the Institute have assumed a practical form in the regular publication of three separate periodicals together with several Reports on special subjects.

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